



Derby/Oaks Update

Saturday, April 28, 2018

CHAMPION GOOD MAGIC TOPS LIST OF SIX DERBY WORKS AT CHURCHILL DOWNS; MONOMOY GIRL DRILLS FOR KENTUCKY OAKS RUN

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, April 28, 2018) – E Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Stonestreet Stables' 2-year-old champion **Good Magic** headed a group of six hopefuls for next Saturday's \$2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) putting in works at Churchill Downs on a Chamber of Commerce Saturday morning.

Good Magic worked five furlongs in 1:01.20, **Flameaway** worked a half-mile in :47.80, **My Boy Jack** worked five furlongs in 1:03.20, **Free Drop Billy** worked a half-mile in :49.40 and **Promises Fulfilled** worked five furlongs in 1:00.40. All of those works occurred during the 7:30-7:45 training window reserved for Derby and Kentucky Oaks horses.

Working at 5:30 was **Bravazo**, who worked five furlongs in 1:01.40.

Blended Citizen breezed one mile in 1:41.60 Saturday morning at Keeneland under jockey **Kyle Frey**.

Bolt d'Oro worked a half-mile in :48.20 Saturday morning at Santa Anita.

Firenze Fire worked a half-mile over the Belmont Park training track in :51.02.

Hofburg is the only Kentucky Derby probable starter scheduled to work at Churchill Downs on Sunday.

Monomoy Girl, who figures to be one of the favorites for the \$1 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI), worked five furlongs in company in 1:01.60. Other Oaks fillies working at Churchill Downs were **Sassy Sienna** (half-mile in :49.20), **Blamed** (half-mile in :48.40) and **Eskimo Kisses** (five furlongs in 1:01.20).

Working at Santa Anita Saturday morning was **Midnight Bisou**, who covered six furlongs in 1:13.80 and **Rayya** (five furlongs in 1:01.80).

AUDIBLE/MAGNUM MOON/NOBLE INDY/VINO ROSSO – Many – in fact the majority – of trainers choose to walk their horses the day after a workout, but not so with multiple-Eclipse Award winner **Todd Pletcher**. He sends them back to the track.

"I like to see where they are the day after a breeze," he said Saturday morning after dispatching his Kentucky Derby-bound quartet trackside during the 7:30 to 7:45 Derby/Oaks-only special training period on a clear and crisp morning at Churchill Downs. "I want to see how they're moving; how they've come out of their exercise."

What he saw from his stakes-winning crew of **Audible**, **Magnum Moon**, **Noble Indy** and **Vino Rosso** pleased him.

"They all went well; they looked good."

"We're where we want to be with them," he continued while touching wood. "They'll all get their walk day tomorrow."

Saturday, the four colts under their regular exercise riders stretched their legs and took a turn standing in the starting gate. **Magnum Moon** (**Nick Bush**) and **Vino Rosso** (**Adele Bellinger**) each jogged a mile, while **Audible** (**Amelia Green**) and **Noble Indy** (**Carlos Cano**) galloped the same distance.

The previous morning they had been timed in half-mile drills at :49.40 (**Audible**), :47.40 (**Magnum Moon**), :47.20 (**Vino Rosso**) and a five-eighths move of 1:01.60 (**Noble Indy**).

The bay **Audible**, hero of the Grade I Florida Derby, is owned by the four-way partnership of **China Horse Club International**, **Head of Plains Partners**, **Starlight Racing** and **WinStar Farm**. Stablemate **Magnum Moon**, who rang the bell most recently in the Grade I Arkansas Derby, races for **Lawana** and **Robert Low**. Louisiana Derby (GII) winner **Noble Indy** goes postward for the pairing of **WinStar Farm** and **Repole Stable**, while Wood Memorial (GII) victor is co-owned by **Repole Stable** and **St. Elias Stable**.

BLENDED CITIZEN – **Greg Hall** and **SAYJAY Racing's Blended Citizen** worked one mile at Keeneland in 1:41.60 Saturday morning under jockey **Kyle Frey**, according to trainer **Doug O'Neill's** assistant **Jack Sisterson**.

The Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) winner is No. 21 on the Kentucky Oaks leaderboard.

Ship date is to be determined.

BOLT d'ORO – Owner/trainer **Mick Ruis** said he got "exactly what we wanted" Saturday morning at Santa Anita Park in California when his Kentucky Derby-bound ace **Bolt d'Oro** drilled four furlongs in :48.20 at 7:45.

With three-time Kentucky Derby winning rider **Victor Espinoza** in the tack, the husky son of Medaglia d'Oro put in his final bit of exercise for the 144th Run for the Roses much to the delight of the mercurial Ruis.

"Victor never moved a hand on him," the owner/trainer said enthusiastically. "He went around there easy as could be. We didn't need any more with him. We put that seven-eighths (work) into him last week (April 22) and he's got all his air now. Heck, if after his wins in the San Felipe (GII) and the Santa Anita Derby (GI) and that good work last week -- if that isn't enough to have him ready for this race -- then we shouldn't be there."

Espinoza, who scored in the Kentucky Derby with **War Emblem** (2002), **California Chrome** (2014) and **American Pharoah** (2015), will handle the \$630,000 yearling purchase next Saturday.

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Ruis was on his way to the airport in Los Angeles for a flight to Kentucky and a first-time visit to Chestnut Farm, a facility he'd recent purchased that is located approximately four miles from Keeneland Race Course.

Bolt d'Oro will ship to Louisville Monday on a flight with several California horses bound for stakes engagements at Churchill Downs. Ruis said he will drive over from Lexington to meet him that day.

BRAVAZO – **Calumet Farm's** homebred Risen Star (GII) winner **Bravazo** breezed five furlongs in 1:01.40 Saturday morning at 5:30 with exercise rider **Danielle Rosier** aboard for Hall of Fame trainer **D. Wayne Lukas**.

Breezing inside maiden **Berko** (1:01.80), Bravazo started two lengths behind and worked through splits of :14, :26 and :37.80 before galloping out six furlongs in 1:15, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

"He's doing really good," the 82-year-old Lukas said. "It's always great to have a horse in the Derby – even though this year's field is tougher than others."

Lukas confirmed Saturday **Luis Contreras** will have the mount on the first Saturday in May.

COMBATANT/DREAM BABY DREAM – With exercise rider **Angel Garcia** up, **Winchell Thoroughbreds** and **Willis Horton's Combatant** galloped 1 ½ miles for Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen**.

Needing two defections to make the field, **Dream Baby Dream Stable's Dream Baby Dream** galloped 1 ½ miles with **Juan Vargas** in the saddle.

ENTICED – **Godolphin's** multiple graded-stakes winner **Enticed** galloped at Palm Meadows Training Center Saturday morning for trainer **Kiaran McLaughlin**.

Winner of the Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) here last fall, Enticed is scheduled to gallop again Sunday morning before beginning the ship to Kentucky in the afternoon for a Monday arrival at Churchill Downs.

Junior Alvarado, who was aboard for the victory here last fall, has the mount in Derby 144.

FIRENZE FIRE – **Mr. Amore Stable's Firenze Fire** worked a half-mile on his own in :51.02 over the Belmont Park training track.

"It was just a maintenance move," trainer **Jason Servis** said. "It was fine. He is supposed to leave at 11 in the morning and be at Churchill Monday."

Paco Lopez has the Derby call on Firenze Fire.

FLAMEAWAY – **John Oxley's Flameaway** worked four furlongs in company in 47.80 for trainer **Mark Casse** during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Derby and Oaks horses.

Ridden by **Chris Garraway**, his splits were 11.60, 22.80 and 34.80, galloping out in 1:02. Casse was on site for the work.

"I honestly couldn't ask for anything better," Casse said of the work that was the second fastest of 83 at the distance. "We had radios on the rider, so we stopped him at about the three-sixteenths pole to slow him down because he was going to

work faster than I've ever seen him work. He's not much of a workhorse normally, but he's gotten a little more aggressive and worked better here I would say."

Flameaway's workmate was **John Oxley** and **My Meadowview Farm's Ride a Comet**, who Casse said will run in the 1 1/16-mile American Turf (GII) on Derby Day.

Jockey **Jose Lezcano**, who has ridden Flameaway in his past three starts this year, has the mount in the Kentucky Derby. Flameaway most recently ran second in the Blue Grass (GII) April 7 behind **Good Magic**.

FREE DROP BILLY/PROMISES FULFILLED – It was a busy morning at Churchill Downs' all-time leading trainer **Dale Romans' Barn 4** Saturday with his two Derby contenders – **Albaugh Family Stables' Free Drop Billy** and **Robert Baron's Promises Fulfilled** – completing their major preparations for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI).

Front-running Fountain of Youth (GII) winner Promises Fulfilled breezed a half-mile in :48 with **Juan Segundo** up through splits of :12 and :24.40 before galloping out five furlongs in 1:00.40 and six furlongs in 1:13, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

"I think most people know our plan in the Derby," Romans said. "This horse is naturally fast and so we'll be up front early and hope we can stay there late."

With **Faustino Herrarte** aboard, Blue Grass third-place Free Drop Billy worked a half-mile in :49.40 with splits of :12.60 and :37, according to Nichols.

"He worked really good," Romans said. "He already has a lot of foundation in him from the Blue Grass so he doesn't need anything major to get him ready."

With 710 victories at Churchill Downs, Romans surpassed Hall of Fame trainer **Bill Mott's** all-time win tally last fall. Both trainers do not have a victory in the Kentucky Derby.

"It would mean everything to me to get a win in the Derby," Romans said. "I keep sounding like a broken record telling everyone how badly I want a Derby win. When I broke Bill's record last fall it was probably one of the greatest moments of my career. I never thought I'd get as emotional as I did. It truly meant a lot to me and I can only dream of what it would be like to win the Kentucky Derby."

Corey Lanerie has the mount on Promises Fulfilled while **Robby Albarado** rides Free Drop Billy.

GOOD MAGIC – Last year's Eclipse Award-winning Champion 2-Year-Old Male, owned by **e Five Racing Thoroughbreds & Stonestreet Stables LLC**, put in his final pre-Derby work, breezing five furlongs in 1:01.20 under exercise rider **Walter Malasquez**. Churchill Downs clockers recorded splits of 12.80, 24.80, 36.60 and 49.40. Trainer **Chad Brown** timed the work in 1:00.80 with a six-furlong gallop-out of 1:13.80 and seven-eighths in 1:27.20.

"This is as good as he's ever worked," Brown said. "He won the Breeders' Cup last year off of a really, really good breeze. It's really taken all winter and spring to get him right to what we see today, at his very best."

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The work unfolded at 7:30 a.m., during the exclusive Derby and Oaks training session. Malasquez wasted little time getting down to business, getting on and off the track while many of the other Derby horses were still backtracking and taking in their surroundings.

Brown described the move: "Headed to the pole the horse showed great energy. Actually, a little keen, but manageable. My rider, Walter, gets along with this horse, he's been galloping him every day and he's been breezing him. They have great chemistry together and he got him settled and focused when they started the breeze. From there on it was very smooth, well within himself."

Brown was in communication with Malasquez from the frontside during the work but said he only used the radio to confirm early on that they weren't going too fast.

"The time is a guideline to see where we're at, but really it's how he's moving, how he pulls up, soundness-wise and fitness-wise, and so far he's done everything we've asked him to do," Brown said.

Winner of the last two Eclipse Awards as the nation's top trainer, Brown has been openly enthusiastic about Good Magic's chances at wearing the roses, especially relative to the other very good horses he's brought here, like **Normandy Invasion**, fourth in 2013, and **Practical Joke**, fifth last year.

"He's the best horse we've ever taken to the Derby, for sure," Brown said. "He has all the qualities that I think it would take. He's a highly regarded 2-year-old champion, has the right pedigree, good looking, sound, and enormous ability."

"Coming into a big race you try to read their body language and see how they're doing overall. If you know your horses individually then you know what their par is and this horse looks to be in his zone right now, mentally and physically. He's giving me all of the right body language that I've seen from other horses going into big races over the years. In a way, you try to treat this race like any other big race and that's what we're doing and he's giving us all of the right signs."

The Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) and Blue Grass Stakes (GII) winner will be piloted in the Derby by the 2017 Eclipse Award winner as Outstanding Jockey, **Jose Ortiz**, who has been aboard since Good Magic's second start.

HOFBURG – **Juddmonte Farms Inc.**'s homebred Florida Derby (G1) runner-up **Hofburg** galloped about 1 1/2 miles under exercise rider **Penny Gardiner**, the former jockey who rode in the 1970s, raised two jockeys (**Mark Chavez** and **Casey Chavez**), and then rode races again in the mid-1990s.

Hall of Fame trainer **Bill Mott** reported that Hofburg "went very well" and has impressed him the past few days since arriving at Churchill Downs.

"He's moving very well over the track," Mott said. "We went through the paddock early and gave him a couple turns there."

The Derby will only be Hofburg's third start of 2018 and fourth overall. He broke his maiden on March 3 before earning all 50 of his "Road to the Kentucky Derby" points with the good second in Gulfstream's \$1 million Derby prep, finishing three lengths behind the winner but more than seven lengths clear of the third-place finisher.

"He ran on," Mott said. "He kept up his run pretty well all the way to the wire and galloped out OK. I guess a horse like **Audible** certainly had license to beat him on the day, having had more experience, but hopefully we've caught up."

Hofburg is scheduled to work Sunday during the Derby training session with Gardiner up and will school in the paddock during racing Tuesday. **Irad Ortiz Jr.** has the Derby mount.

INSTILLED REGARD – **OXO Equine's Instilled Regard** galloped at Santa Anita Saturday morning and is scheduled to work at 6:30 a.m. Sunday with a Monday departure scheduled for Churchill Downs, according to trainer **Jerry Hollendorfer's** assistant **Dan Ward**.

JUSTIFY/SOLOMINI – The undefeated Santa Anita Derby winner and presumptive Kentucky Derby favorite walked the shedrow at Hall of Fame trainer **Bob Baffert's** Santa Anita Park barn the day after posting a seven-furlong workout in 1:25.20.

"You want to see a horse that's enjoying what he's doing," Baffert told the Santa Anita press office. "He worked well and got something out of it."

The work elicited rave reviews from onlookers for the way Justify accelerated around the Clubhouse turn.

"He hit the ground good," jockey **Drayden Van Dyke** said. "He's like a Cadillac."

Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) runner-up **Solomini** – owned by **Zayat Stables LLC, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor & Derrick Smith** – had an easy gallop this morning and is scheduled to work Sunday at Santa Anita, according to Zayat Stables racing manager **Justin Zayat**. The Baffert contingent for Derby weekend stakes, also including Kentucky Oaks contender **Rayya** and last year's Kentucky Oaks winner **Abel Tasman**, is expected to arrive Monday afternoon.

LONE SAILOR – **G M B Racing's Lone Sailor** walked **Tom Amoss' Barn 29** shedrow following his half-mile breeze in :48 Friday morning.

MENDELSSOHN – UAE Derby (GII) winner **Mendelssohn** is expected to arrive in Louisville Monday at 5:30 p.m., according to Director of the Stable Area **Steve Hargrave**.

The colt is expected to stay in quarantine for 42 hours and could train Thursday morning.

MY BOY JACK – The stretch-running colt worked in his usual style Friday morning, starting off nice and easy but finishing up nice and strong for trainer **Keith Desormeaux** during the Derby/Oaks training break at 7:30.

The Cajun trainer's brother – **Kent** (he of the Hall of Fame) – is the dark bay's usual pilot, but for this exercise the conditioner called on a Cajun pinch hitter to handle the controls. Rider **Brian Hernandez Jr.** was in the tack as he broke off the Southwest (GIII) and Lexington (GIII) stakes winner at the five-furlong pole en route to a five-panel clocking of 1:03.20. Churchill Downs' clockers assigned splits of :13.60 and :38.40 along the way and tacked on a gallop out time of 1:16.60.

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“He started out slow, but he picked it up pretty good at the end,” trainer Desormeaux said. “That’s just what we wanted him to do.”

The trainer and his assistant, **Julie Clark**, watched the drill from the deck of the track’s Bluegrass Breakfast tent on the backstretch and he timed his charge separately. “I got him going his last quarter in :24,” he said. “He knows what he’s doing.”

Desormeaux noted further that “Jack” has 10 starts coming into the Run for the Roses, the most by any horse in the likely 20-horse field.

My Boy Jack is owned by the three-way partnership of **Don’t Tell My Wife Stables**, **Monomoy Stables** and **West Point Thoroughbreds**. He has a bankroll that reads at \$645,145 a week in front of his date in the \$2 million guaranteed Kentucky Derby.

About an hour before My Boy Jack went through his exercise, Desormeaux worked another horse with a Kentucky Derby connection. With the stable’s exercise rider **Peedy Landry** up, **Sonneteer** registered a half-mile drill in :51.60. A check of the 2017 Kentucky Derby chart would show that the dark colt had finished 16th in the race won by **Always Dreaming**.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY DERBY – Likely starters in the 144th running of the \$2 million, Grade I Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve to be run for 3-year-olds at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, May 5: **Audible** (jockey Javier Castellano), **Bolt d’Oro** (Victor Espinoza), **Bravazo** (Luis Contreras), **Enticed** (Junior Alvarado), **Firenze Fire** (Paco Lopez), **Flameaway** (Jose Lezcano), **Free Drop Billy** (Robby Albarado), **Good Magic** (Jose Ortiz), **Hofburg** (Irad Ortiz Jr.), **Instilled Regard** (Drayden Van Dyke), **Justify** (Mike Smith), **Lone Sailor** (James Graham), **Magnum Moon** (Luis Saez), **Mendelssohn** (Ryan Moore), **My Boy Jack** (Kent Desormeaux), **Noble Indy** (Florent Geroux), **Promises Fulfilled** (Corey Lanerie), **Solomini** (Flavien Prat), **Vino Rosso** (John Velazquez).

Possible starters within the Top 20 on the preference list: **Combatant** (TBA).

Next up in order of preference: **Blended Citizen** (Kyle Frey), **Dream Baby Dream** (TBA), **Restoring Hope** (TBA), **Sporting Chance** (TBA), **Givemeaminit** (TBA) and **Pony Up** (TBA).

KENTUCKY DERBY JOCKEYS

Horse	Jockey	Derby Record
Audible	Javier Castellano	11-0-0-0
Bolt d’Oro	Victor Espinoza	9-3-0-1
Bravazo	Luis Contreras	1-0-0-0
Combatant	TBA	
Enticed	Junior Alvarado	1-0-0-0
Firenze Fire	Paco Lopez	
Flameaway	Jose Lezcano	5-0-1-0
Free Drop Billy	Robby Albarado	14-0-1-2
Good Magic	Jose Ortiz	3-0-0-0
Hofburg	Irad Ortiz Jr.	2-0-0-0
Instilled Regard	Drayden Van Dyke	
Justify	Mike Smith	23-1-4-1
Lone Sailor	James Graham	
Magnum Moon	Luis Saez	5-0-0-0
Mendelssohn	Ryan Moore	1-0-0-0
My Boy Jack	Kent Desormeaux	21-3-1-4
Noble Indy	Florent Geroux	2-0-0-1
Promises Fulfilled	Corey Lanerie	3-0-1-0
Solomini	Flavien Prat	1-0-0-1
Vino Rosso	John Velazquez	19-2-1-0

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY DERBY

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Lone Sailor	Tom Amoss	29
Combatant	Steve Asmussen	38
Dream Baby Dream	Steve Asmussen	38
Good Magic	Chad Brown	42
My Boy Jack	Keith Desormeaux	25
Flameaway	Mark Casse	36
Bravazo	D. Wayne Lukas	44
Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	44
Hofburg	Bill Mott	19
Audible	Todd Pletcher	40
Magnum Moon	Todd Pletcher	40
Noble Indy	Todd Pletcher	40
Vino Rosso	Todd Pletcher	40
Free Drop Billy	Dale Romans	4
Promises Fulfilled	Dale Romans	4
Givemeaminit	Dallas Stewart	37

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ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY LEADERBOARD PRESENTED BY WOODFORD RESERVE

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Magnum Moon	Todd Pletcher	150
2	Good Magic	Chad Brown	110
3	Audible	Todd Pletcher	110
4	Noble Indy	Todd Pletcher	110
5	Vino Rosso	Todd Pletcher	107
6	Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	104
7	Enticed	Kieran McLaughlin	103
8	Mendelssohn	Aidan O'Brien	100
9	Justify	Bob Baffert	100
10	\$-Flameaway	Mark Casse	70
11	Solomini	Bob Baffert	54
12	Bravazo	D. Wayne Lukas	54
13	My Boy Jack	Keith Desormeaux	52
14	Promises Fulfilled	Dale Romans	52
15	Free Drop Billy	Dale Romans	44
16	Lone Sailor	Tom Amoss	42
17	Hofburg	Bill Mott	40
18	Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	39
19	Combatant	Steve Asmussen	32
20	Instilled Regard	Jerry Hollendorfer	29
21	\$-Blended Citizen	Doug O'Neill	22
22	Dream Baby Dream	Steve Asmussen	20
23	Restoring Hope	Bob Baffert	20
24	Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	12
25	Givemeamin	Dallas Stewart	12
26	Pony Up	Todd Pletcher	12

\$- Late Triple Crown Nominee

KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

AMY'S CHALLENGE - Trainer **Mac Robertson** reported Saturday morning that **Novogratz Racing Stables' Amy's Challenge**, No. 12 on Kentucky Oaks leaderboard, was on her way to Churchill Downs from Oaklawn Park.

"She just worked a few days ago and will not work at Churchill prior to the Oaks," Robertson said regarding a possible start in the Oaks. "Right now we are keeping all of our options open before we commit."

Another option for Amy's Challenge would be the Eight Belles (GII).

BLAMED - **Cleber Massey's** Sunland Park Oaks winner **Blamed** worked four furlongs in 48.40 under **Robby Albarado** for trainer **Joel Marr** during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Derby and Oaks horses. She galloped out in 1:01.20. This was her second work over the Churchill Downs surface since her arrival in Kentucky from New Mexico.

"I liked that we weren't out there to go super fast," Marr said about the work. "She picked it up at every pole, finished up strong and galloped out really well on her own."

Blamed will walk tomorrow and jog Monday, and will visit the track each day this upcoming week, possibly including Friday, the morning of the Kentucky Oaks.

"We'll just see how she is acting and what she tells us to do," Marr said.

Jockey **Ken Tohill** has the mount in the Oaks and likely will arrive Tuesday according to Marr.

CHOCOLATE MARTINI - **Double Doors Racing's** Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) winner **Chocolate Martini** walked the shedrow Saturday morning following her five-furlong bullet work in :58.80 Friday.

Trainer **Tom Amoss** has yet to confirm a jockey.

CLASSY ACT/PATRONA MARGARITA - Trainer **Bret Calhoun's** duo of **Classy Act** and **Patrona Margarita** walked the shedrow Saturday following their half-mile works in :47 and :50.80, respectively.

COACH ROCKS - Gulfstream Park Oaks (GII) winner **Coach Rocks** walked trainer **Dale Romans' Barn 4** shedrow Saturday morning following her five-furlong move in 1:00.20 Friday at Churchill Downs.

ESKIMO KISSES - **Magdalena Racing, Gainesway Stable** and **Harold Lerner's** Ashland (GI) runner-up **Eskimo Kisses** made her first appearance at Churchill Downs in five months with a five-furlong breeze in 1:01.20 for trainer **Kenny McPeck**.

With jockey **Corey Lanerie** up, **Eskimo Kisses** breezed through opening splits of :12.60 and :37.80 before a six-furlong gallop out in 1:15.20.

"She really took to the track well," Lanerie said. "I thought she may have regressed just slightly in the Ashland after she ran big in the (March 24) Fair Grounds Oaks (GII). I think it was probably the best she's felt since I've been on her."

"We're very happy with how she's doing," McPeck said. "It was a very nice work."

Lanerie has the call for the Oaks.

HEAVENHASMNIKKI - **Looch Racing Stables' Heavenhasmnikki** walked the shedrow a day after working five furlongs in 1:01 on Friday.

Trainer **Anthony Quartarolo** said the filly came out of the work fine and may return to the track to jog Sunday morning.

Heavenhasmnikki is 17th on the Kentucky Oaks leaderboard and will need three defections from among the likely entrants Monday to make the 14-horse field.

MIDNIGHT BISOU - Trainer **Bill Spawr** put his finishing touches on his filly **Midnight Bisou's** preparations for next Friday's Kentucky Oaks when he sent the dark daughter of **Midnight Lute** through a six-furlong drill Saturday morning at Santa Anita Park in California.

Clockers at the Arcadia track caught the multiple stakes winner in 1:13.80 for the drill accomplished with jockey **Martin Pedroza** in the boot.

Though Pedroza won't ride the filly in the \$1 million guaranteed Oaks - "Big Money" **Mike Smith** will - Spawr has used Pedroza regularly in the mornings on **Midnight Bisou**.

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"Martin knows her well and he does right by her," the veteran conditioner said. "I wanted her to finish strong today and she did. I had her galloping out in twenty seven (1:27) and change, which is just what I wanted. She's doing really well."

Midnight Bisou, a winner of three straight stakes this year, is owned by the partnership of **Allen Racing** and **Bloom Racing Stable**. Spawr noted that she'd ship to Kentucky on Monday, along with stablemate **Skye Diamonds**, who'll run next Saturday in the \$300,000, Grade I Humana Distaff at seven furlongs. Smith will be the stable's rider there, also.

Spawr, who won the 2011 Breeders' Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs with champion **Amazombie** (also with Smith aboard), ships to Kentucky on Monday, too.

MONOMOY GIRL/SASSY SIENNA/KELLY'S HUMOR – **Michael Dubb** and **Monomoy Stables'** **Monomoy Girl** completed her major preparation for the May 4 Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) Saturday morning with a five-furlong breeze in 1:01.60 in company with allowance winner **Secret House** (1:02).

"She went really good," said jockey **Florent Geroux** as they jogged off the racetrack. "She's not even tired."

Monomoy Girl is the likely morning line favorite for the Kentucky Oaks, according to Churchill Downs' morning line odds maker **Mike Battaglia**.

"I'm sure I'll get to be a little more nervous Friday when we're leading over the favorite for the Oaks," trainer **Brad Cox** said. "She continues to do well and I'm getting excited for Friday. The Oaks and Derby exclusive training period is pretty cool for all of the fans and media to get a look at all of the horses on the track at once."

Cox's other Kentucky Oaks contender, **Medallion Racing** and **Jerry McClanahan's** Fantasy (GIII) winner **Sassy Sienna**, breezed a half-mile in :49.20 with jockey **Gary Stevens** in the saddle.

"She really progressed this winter in Arkansas," Cox said. "We got her back to Churchill the other week and she continues to do well."

Needing four defections to make the field, **Ike** and **Dawn Thrash's** **Kelly's Humor** worked five furlongs in 1:02.20 Saturday morning.

If the Midnight Lute filly does not make the Kentucky Oaks field she will likely enter the Eight Belles (GII) on May 4 at Churchill Downs, according to Cox.

MY MISS LILLY – **Courtlandt Farms'** **My Miss Lilly** jogged twice around the track at 6:30 under regular rider Emerson Chavez, ponied by **Monnie Goetz** and Bucky.

Trainer **Mark Hennig's** wife **Rosemary** is overseeing training while Mark is in New York, and reported that My Miss Lilly will gallop the rest of the week. Mark is set to return Sunday afternoon and will be at Churchill Downs Monday morning.

"She feels really good and looks really good," Rosemary said. "We just sent her with the regular group so it wouldn't be that mad rush (of Derby and Oaks horses) coming on and coming off in 15 minutes. She'd be happier with that."

RAYYA – **Sheikh Rashid Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi's** UAE Derby (G2) runner-up **Rayya** breezed five furlongs in 1:01.80 at Santa Anita Park.

Rayya will ship to Churchill Downs on Monday with the rest of **Bob Baffert's** Derby weekend stakes contenders.

RED RUBY – **Sandra Sexton** and **Brandi Nicholson's** Martha Washington winner **Red Ruby** galloped Saturday morning at Keeneland.

Trainer **Kellyn Gorder** said "it is very unlikely" that Red Ruby would run in the Oaks. Red Ruby is No. 15 on the Oaks leaderboard and the first filly on the bubble for the field that is limited to 14 starters.

Red Ruby may work Sunday at Keeneland after which a final decision will be made.

TAKE CHARGE PAULA – **Peter Deutsch's** Forward Gal (GIII) winner **Take Charge Paula** galloped at Palm Meadows Training Center Saturday morning for trainer **Kiaran McLaughlin**.

Tenth in the Pocahontas (GII) here last fall, Take Charge Paula is scheduled to gallop again Sunday morning before beginning the ship to Kentucky in the afternoon for a Monday arrival at Churchill Downs.

Jose Ortiz has the Oaks mount.

WONDER GADOT – **Gary Barber's** **Wonder Gadot** walked Saturday morning after working four furlongs in 48.20 Friday.

Trainer **Mark Casse** reported that she will likely have an easy jog tomorrow.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY OAKS – Likely starters in the 144th running of the \$1 million, Grade I Longines Kentucky Oaks to be run for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on Friday, May 4: **Blamed** (jockey Ken Tohill), **Chocolate Martini** (TBA), **Classy Act** (TBA), **Coach Rocks** (Luis Saez), **Eskimo Kisses** (Corey Lanerie), **Midnight Bisou** (Mike Smith), **Monomoy Girl** (Florent Geroux), **My Miss Lilly** (Joe Bravo), **Patrona Margarita** (TBA), **Rayya** (Drayden Van Dyke), **Sassy Sienna** (Gary Stevens), **Take Charge Paula** (Jose Ortiz), **Wonder Gadot** (John Velazquez).

Possible Starters within the Top 14 on the preference list: **Amy's Challenge** (TBA).

Next up in order of preference: **Red Ruby** (TBA), **Exuberance** (TBA), **Heavenhasmynikki** (TBA), **Kelly's Humor** (TBA).

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ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS LEADERBOARD

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Midnight Bisou	Bill Spawr	160
2	Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	154
3	Sassy Sienna	Brad Cox	115
4	My Miss Lilly	Mark Hennig	112
5	Chocolate Martini	Tom Amoss	100
6	Coach Rocks	Dale Romans	100
7	Rayya	Bob Baffert	90
8	Wonder Gadot	Mark Casse	84
9	Eskimo Kisses	Kenny McPeck	80
10	Take Charge Paula	Kiaran McLaughlin	70
11	\$-Blamed	Joel Marr	50
12	Amy's Challenge	McLean Robertson	40
13	Patrona Margarita	Bret Calhoun	35
14	Classy Act	Bret Calhoun	30
15	Red Ruby	Kellyn Gorder	15
16	Exuberance	Ian Kruljac	15
17	Heavenhasmynikki	Anthony Quatarolo	11
18	\$-Kelly's Humor	Brad Cox	8

\$- Late Kentucky Oaks Nominee

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY OAKS

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Chocolate Martini	Tom Amoss	29
Classy Act	Bret Calhoun	23
Patrona Margarita	Bret Calhoun	23
Wonder Gadot	Mark Casse	36
Kelly's Humor	Brad Cox	22
Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	22
Sassy Sienna	Brad Cox	22
My Miss Lilly	Mark Hennig	37
Blamed	Joel Marr	43
Heavenhasmynikki	Anthony Quatarolo	24
Coach Rocks	Dale Romans	4

ARRIVAL/FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Sunday, April 29 – New York

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	TBA

Monday, April 30 – California

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	TBA
Instilled Regard	Jerry Hollendorfer	41
Justify	Bob Baffert	33
Midnight Bisou	Bill Spawr	38
Rayya	Bob Baffert	33
Restoring Hope	Bob Baffert	33
Solomini	Bob Baffert	33

Monday, April 30 – Ireland

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Mendelssohn	Aidan O'Brien	17

Monday, April 30 – Florida

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Enticed	Kiaran McLaughlin	41
Take Charge Paula	Kiaran McLaughlin	41

PROSPECTIVE FIELDS FOR UPCOMING STAKES

\$400,000 ALYSHEBA (GII) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Always Dreaming, Backyard Heaven, Goats Town, Hence

\$350,000 LA TROIENNE PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES.COM (GI) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Abel Tasman, Martini Glass, Streamline. Possible: Ivy Bell, Salty

\$200,000 EDGEWOOD PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK (GIII) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Altea (FR), Beyond Blame, Bo Peep, Daddy Is a Legend, Heavenly Love, Kabella, Toinette

\$200,000 EIGHT BELLES PRESENTED BY KENTUCKY TRAILER (GII) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Gas Station Sushi, Hold Her Tight, Kram, Mia Mischief, Salt Bae, Shamrock Rose, Talk Veuve to Me

\$200,000 TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT (GIII) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Bucchero, Chief Cicatriz, Flashaway, Frisky Magician, Imprimis, Kid Perfect, Latent Revenge, Restless Rambler, Riser, Vision Perfect

\$500,000 OLD FORESTER TURF CLASSIC (GI) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Arklow, Beach Patrol, Channel Maker, Deauville (IRE), Kurilov (CHI), Shining Copper, Sir Dudley Digges, Synchrony, War Decree

\$500,000 CHURCHILL DOWNS PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES.COM (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Imperial Hint, Limousine Liberal, McCracken, Outplay, Petrov, Unbridled Outlaw, Warrior's Club

\$300,000 AMERICAN TURF PRESENTED BY RAM TRUCKS (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Admiralty Pier, Arawak, Channel Cat, Dragon Drew, Maraud, Ride a Comet, River Boyne (IRE), Threelandfourpence, Tigers Rule, Tiz Mischief, Untamed Domain

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\$300,000 HUMANA DISTAFF (GI) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: American Gal, Finley'sluckycharm, Jordan's Henny, Lewis Bay, Miner's Cat, Skye Diamonds. Possible: Ivy Bell

\$300,000 LONGINES DISTAFF TURF MILE (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Juno (BRZ), La Coronel, Madam Dancealot (IRE), Madame Stripes (ARG), On Leave, Psycho Sister, Res Ipsa, Union Strike

\$300,000 PAT DAY MILE PRESENTED BY LG&E AND KU (GIII) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Believe in Royalty, Givemeaminut, Greyvitos, Lombo, Madison's Luna, Mask, Mississippi, National Flag, New York Central, Seahenge, Shane Zain, Smart Remark, Title Ready

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